

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
January 7, 2007

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The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on January 7, 2008
At 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Joe Macha called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Commissioners present: Joe Macha, Hadley Williams, Chris LaCrosse and Gary Norwood

Commissioners Absent: Jim Yates, Ed Nichols, Yvonne Stinnett

Others Present: Michael Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, Sharon Caton, Jenny West & Reita West.

A. Elect Planning Commission Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary.

Sharon Caton addressed the Commission and asked to entertain nominations for the Chairman. LaCrosse nominated Joe Macha. Joe Macha was elected Chairman by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Norwood nominated Chris LaCrosse as Vice-Chairman. Chris LaCrosse was elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous voice vote. LaCrosse nominated Mayor Norwood as Secretary. Mayor Norwood was elected Secretary by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Norwood and 2nd by Williams to approve the minutes as written. Motion to approve the minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Noorwood asked for an update on the storm drainage at the Hardees site. Wilkinson stated that he had talked to the Property Manager for Hardees. The Property Manager said he had cleared the storm drain that was blocked and that should eliminate the excessive storm water run off on to Elizabeth St. He also removed an illegal sign from the entrance to Hardees at Elizabeth St. The Codes Department is researching the legalities of requiring them to pave the entrance based on the City's Dust Free Ordinance. The site was approved before the ordinance was in place so the legalities of this requirement will require further legal research.

LaCrosse asked for an update on the Vantage Point PUD. Wilkinson stated that the City has been in contact with the developer, Lacey McCall and we are waiting on the survey and legal description for moving forward with the Commercial Overlay zoning. Caton addressed the Commission and stated that she had a conversation with Lacey McCall and the legal description will be in her office tomorrow. A zoning letter was given to the developer from the Planning Office and that was the final component needed to secure financing for the project. The project will be an R-4 PUD with a Commercial Overlay and a legal description is required to assign the overlay.

Public Forum: None

Macha requested to move to New Business. A. Minor Subdivision-RE West-Hwy 12 S.

Jenny West addressed the Commission and stated that RE West is requesting to subdivide the property with the intent to sell the subdivided parcel to Triton Boats. After further discussion a motion was made by Norwood and 2nd by Williams to approve the subdivision. Motion was approved by roll call vote. Joe Macha-yes, Hadley Williams-yes, Chris LaCrosse-yes, Gary Norwood-yes.

Old Business: Review of Flood Ordinance #329

Caton addressed the Commission and explained there are two documents presented to the Commission for review. One is added by Ordinance #329 , January 9, 2007, Article VIII Provisions Governing Flood Plain Districts. The other one is a model ordinance meeting the FEMA minimum standard requirements with no ordinance number. Ordinance #329 was presented to the Planning Commission and City Council as the minimum standards required by FEMA and could not be changed or altered in any way and must be accepted as written. The model ordinance present is actually the minimum standards required by FEMA. There are two distinct differences between the two documents. The document adopted in January is more restrictive on reconstruction after a flood event and goes beyond the FEMA minimum requirements. It requires removing structures after a flood event. The second difference is the ordinance #329 adopted in January prohibits any human habitation in the floodway. The FEMA model ordinance does not. The Planning Department does not recommend the standards but informs the Commission that the ordinance adopted in January is not the FEMA minimum standards. Caton recommends the City continue to submit to FEMA projects for review for approval and limiting liability for the City. After further discussion a motion was made by Williams and 2nd by Norwood to recommend to the City Council the mentioned model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for adoption. Motion passed by roll call vote. Joe Macha-yes, Hadley Williams-yes, Chris LaCrosse-yes, Gary Norwood-yes.

Other: Caton reminded the Commission that the Land Use Committee still needs to do a driving tour and suggest it be done at the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Williams and 2nd by LaCrosse. .

Meeting was adjourned at **6:25 P.M.**

Chairperson Joe Macha